

IN THE MATTER OF JAPANESE WAR CRIMES AND
IN THE MATTER OF THE ILLTREATMENT OF
BRITISH PRISONERS OF WAR AT PENANG, MALAYA.

A F F I D A V I T.

I, Captain Peter Rainier ADAMS, 1/8 Punjab Regiment, with permanent home address at 20, Napier Gardens, Kent, make oath and say as follows:-

1. I was captured in Penang on 19 December, 1941, and was taken to the civil gaol there on the same day where I remained until I was transferred to the gaol at TAIPING about the beginning of February 1942. 2nd Lieutenants M. GOULD and DOMINY of the 2/1 Gurkhas and F. PATTISON of the Leicestershire Regiment were also taken to the gaol with me. The four of us and about 60 British other ranks were confined in one room which only allowed a space of one yard per man. No beds or furniture of any kind was provided and we had to sleep on the bare stone floor.
2. Our food consisted of about 12 ounces of rice a day, with an infinitesimal amount of vegetables and without any salt.
3. The sanitary arrangements consisted of one, or at the most two, lavatories for all of us. These were in the same room in which we had to eat and sleep and very soon the drains became blocked. This resulted in there being a continuous vile stench in the room.]
4. I was the senior officer in the room apart from the first day when Maj. E.R. ANDREWS, 1/8 Punjab Regiment, was there. He was taken away the following day and was sent to the mainland. There did not appear to be any Japanese officer in the gaol and we were guarded by the Japanese soldiers, Sikh policemen and Malay warders under the command of a Japanese NCO. We were frequently visited by a Japanese 2nd Lieutenant whose name I do not know, but whom I took to be an Intelligence Officer as he frequently interrogated me and had also something to do with the local broadcasting service. We were also occasionally visited by the Japanese commander of the island whose name I do not know either.
5. Sick men were not allowed to leave the room and had to be attended to there. Despite frequent requests by me to Japanese 2nd Lieutenant and the Japanese commander of the island that the sick men should be allowed to go to hospital the Japanese refused to allow this. No attention was paid by them to complaints regarding any other matters such as food, sanitary conditions, etc.
6. One day CSM ROBERTS of the Leicestershire Regiment was taken out of the room by the Japanese guard. He was brought back within an hour in a very faint condition. He showed me his injuries which consisted of bruises and welts. He told me he had been beaten by a Japanese in front of the Sikh and Malay warders, several of whom had also beaten him afterwards on Japanese orders.]

7. While I was in this room I was frequently asked by the Japanese 2nd Lieutenant to broadcast for the Japanese. When I refused to do so he did not threaten me in any way or attempt to use physical force.

8. After I had been in this room about 3 weeks, 2nd Lieutenant GOULD and I were taken away and put in solitary confinement in two condemned cells opposite each other. We were kept there for about 5 weeks. Our food was much the same as we had been issued with before. Very often when the guards brought us our food they refused to open the door to put it in. This meant that we had to take it through the bars of the cell and this necessitated turning the dish sideways so that any liquid in it ran out. Our latrine buckets remained in our cells all day and all night except for five minutes per day which we were given to empty them.

9. One day within the first two weeks of our being placed in solitary confinement 2nd Lieutenant GOULD was taken away by a Japanese guard. A few hours later he was brought back and he told me that he had been taken to Broadcasting House where he had been beaten up. He described this beating up to me as follows: First of all he was slapped in the face. He was then knocked unconscious with a blow from an iron bar on the back of the head and brought round by having water poured over him. Next he was beaten with the iron bar on the back and finally he was blindfolded and orange sticks were pushed under one of his nails. He said that all this had been done on the orders of the Japanese 2nd Lieutenant who was present throughout. He showed me through the bars of his cell the weals on his back, the large lump on the back of his head and a red mark under one of his fingernails.]

10. After being in solitary confinement for about 5 weeks 2nd Lt. GOULD and I together with the remainder of the prisoners in the gaol were transferred to TAIPING Gaol. 2nd Lieutenants DOMINY and PATTISON also spent the last two weeks of our stay at PENANG in solitary confinement in the condemned cells.

SWORN by the above-named Peter Rainier)
Adams, at 6 Spring Gardens in the city)
of Westminster, this fourth day of) (Signed) P.R. ADAMS.
March, 1946.)

Before me,

(Signed) A.M. BELL-MACDONALD,
Major, Legal Staff.

Mil. Dept. Office of the Judge Advocate General.

Certified true copy of original affidavit.

18th April 1946.

(Signed) R.B. LAMBE, Lt. Colonel.
AAG War Crimes, HQ AFSEA.

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(PETER RAINIER ADAMS)

エーデル、リーニアー、アグニス、大尉

180 フンジャブ 聯隊 本籍地 ケイト 縣 ナビ アガーデ
シスレニロ 宣誓ト 下記ノ如ク口述ス。

一、私ハ一九四一年（昭和十六年）十二月十九日、
捕虜トナリマシタ。同日其他ノ牢獄ニ入レラレ、一九
四二年（昭和十七年）二月始メニ「タイピン」ノ牢獄ニ
送ラレル迄ノコニ在リマシタ。

三、禁サレマシタ。其ノ室ハ一人ニツキ一「ヤード」ノ
 場所ヲ与ヘルヲケノモノデシタ。要床家具類等
 何モナク私共ハムギダシノ石ノ床ノ上ニ眠ラネバナリマ
 シ。我々ノ食糧ハ一日約十二オンスノ米及全然

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塩菜モナイ極僅カノ野菜ダケデシタ。
三、衛生設備ハ私共全部、馬ニ一ヶ所又ハニヶ所ノ便所
ガアリマシタ。之等ハ我々が食ベタリ寝タリスル同ジ室
ニアツテ同モナク排水渠ハ塞ガツテシマイ、ソノ結果悪
臭ガ室ニ何時モ充満シテナマシタ。
五、病人モ室ヲ離レル事ヲ許サシナイ、看護ヲ受ケ
ネバナリマセデシタ。私が何度モ日本人ノ少尉ヤ、コノ島
指揮官ニ病人ヲ病院ニ入レル事ヲ許可セラレタシト要
求シタモ拘ラズ日本人ハ之ヲ拒ミマシタ。彼等ハ食物
衛生設備、其ノ他ニ関スル我々ノ不平ニ何ノ注意モ拂ッ
テクレマセデシタ。
六、或ル日、セイスター・シャイア・リ聯隊ノロバート・曹
長 (CSH) ガ日本人員張リニ依ツテ室カラ連シ出サシ
マシタ。彼ハ一時間後ニ失神状態デ歸ラテシテ来マシタ。
彼ハ私ニ打撲傷ト鞭痕ノアル場所ヲ見セテクレマシタ。
彼ハシク、及マシ、人ノ監視人ノ前デ日本人ニ打タ
レタト云ヒマシタ。後ニソノ監視人等モ日本人ノ命令デ
彼ヲ打ツタト事デス。……
八、ソノ室ニ入ツテカラ約三週間過ギテ、グールド・少尉
ト私ハ連シ出サシテ互ニ向ヒアツタニツノ死刑用監房ニ
獨房監禁サシマシタ。私共ハ其處ニ約五週間入
レテナマシタ。食物ハ前ニチバラシタト殆ド同ジデシタ。
見張リハ食物ヲ持ツテ来タ時、ソレヲ入レルニタテ開
ク事ヲ屢々拒ミマシタ。ソコデ我々ハ監房ノ棒ノ
間カラ食物ヲ取ラネバナラズ、ソウスルニハ皿ヲ横ニ片

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向々に必要がアんで液体が流し出デシマシタ。

便所、バケツ、我々ガソリン等ニスル爲ニ一日二回五分間
へこの時間、他ハ晝モ夜モ我々、監禁を爲ニ置イ
テマシタ。

我々が獨房ニ監禁サシカラ始メノ二週間、中、
或ル日、グールド少尉ハ日本人見張りニ連シ出サレシ
タ。数時間後ニ歸ツテ来テ、彼ハ放送局ニ連シテ行
カレソコヲ打タレタト私ニ話シマシタ。ソノ打タレタ状
私ニ次、如ク話シテ受シマシタ。

先ヅ右ニ顔ヲ平ニテ殴ラシソシカラ後頭部ヲ鉄
棒ヲ殴ラシテ失神シテ打テ倒サレタトコロヲ水ヲ頭
カラブツカケラシテ正氣ニ返ツタノデス。

次ニ脊中ヲ鉄棒ヲ殴ラシ最後ニ目隠シサレテ「
レガ、スナック」ヲ彼、爪、周ニ掃シ込メシタノデス。

之ハ皆ソコニ始終サタ日本人少尉、命令デサレタト
事デス。彼ハ營倉、棒、周カラ彼、脊中、鞭痕
後頭部、大キナ掴、及ビ彼、ツ、指、爪、下、赤キ。
印ヲ私ニ見セテマシタ。

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